

Delta Restoration Network Meeting Notes
November 7, 2013 1:00 to 4:00 pm

1. Introductions

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Delta Conservancy, Department of Water Resources, San Francisco Estuary Institute, Bureau of Reclamation, ESA PWA, Delta Counties Coalition, Delta Stewardship Council, Wetlands and Water Resources, Delta Vision Foundation, Solano Resource Conservation District, Suisun Resource Conservation District, Central Valley Joint Venture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Delta Science Program, Newfields, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, Stillwater Science, Cardno Entrix, and MWH.

2. Presentation on Delta Restoration Framework (DRF) – Chris Enright

An overview of the main components of the Delta Restoration Framework (11-05-2013 draft) was given. A copy of the draft is available on the Conservancy's website at <http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov/>. Discussion followed and the main points included:

- Timeline presented in the framework should be consistent with the BDCP timeline for restoration.
- Questions rose about where the new hub organization for restoration adaptive management should exist and what the hub will look like. This will be explored in more depth by the DRN.
- The framework should clarify how the organizations will synchronize efforts and meet restoration targets.
- We commonly learn about restoration on small scales and this knowledge can scale-up to inform landscape-level planning.
- Stakeholder involvement and good interim land management is critical.
- Must have appropriate expertise for each region, which will vary from region to region.
- Framework should result in greater efficiencies and cost savings.

3. Presentation on Regional Conservation Strategies – Stuart Siegel

An overview on the purpose and bases of Regional Conservation Strategies (RCS) was given. The presentation is available on the Conservancy's website. Discussion followed and the main points included:

- RCS are intended to be living documents and not static.
- Finalization of the Suisun Marsh Conservation Strategy would be useful to guide current efforts.
- Local representatives should be brought early into the process of developing RCS.
- RCS can be a tool to identify negative impacts more easily and aid in the CEQA process.

4. Project Updates

Prospect Island

- Developing EIR
- Developing Cache Slough Complex Conservation Strategy
- Reforming Reclamation District on island

Yolo Ranch

- Construction starting next year
- Finalizing monitoring plan for FAST credit

McCormack Williamson

- Request for Proposal for final project design will be out soon
- Design very consistent with historical ecology

Calhoun Cut

- Permitting and EIR completed
- Need authority to spend money to start construction
- Construction estimated to begin in late summer/fall 2014